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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information Not Listed in Form PTO-1449)

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

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This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ (date).

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Section 7A. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - EPO Search Report

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Section 7B. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items - English Language Version of EPO Search Report

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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- supplied by the inventor(s)
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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	Japanese Publication No. 02 087107, publication date-March 28, 1990, Application date-September 26, 1988, Title-Substrate With Optical Connector, English language abstract attached.

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